

## Satomi Watanabe – Press release

Roehampton Club is delighted to announce the International Sports Visa sponsorship of professional Japanese squash player Satomi Watanabe.

Satomi Watanabe, current world number nine, recently finished her three-year course at Roehampton University, receiving a 2:1 in Sports and Exercise Science.

While in the UK Satomi combined studies with squash, training and playing on the PSA tour. Satomi commented 'I want to thank Roehampton University for my time there and the support of Jame Ayres, sports director, and Phil Rushworth, squash coach'.

Alongside her studies, Satomi was supported by Roehampton Club, receiving coaching from Tiago Goriely and competing in their teams, including winning the Women's European Club Championships three years in a row.

On completion of studies Roehampton Club agreed to explore opportunities for Satomi to stay and train in the UK. The successful application for her sports-tiered visa has allowed Satomi to be based at Roehampton Club full time and coached by former world number three Alison Walters from January 2025. Satomi said 'I am so happy to be able to continue my training at Roehampton Club. It is an amazing Club with world-class facilities. The Members have welcomed me from day one and continue to support my ambition of climbing the PSA ranking further and hopefully competing at the LA 2028 Olympic Games. I look forward to now fully focusing on my squash in the years to come'.

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